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**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT & TRADEMARK OFFICE**

IN RE APPLICATION OF :  
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SERIAL NO: 09/741,824 :  
FILED: DECEMBER 22, 2000 : GROUP ART UNIT: 2874  
FOR: ARRAYED WAVEGUIDE :  
GRATING TYPE OPTICAL  
MULTIPLEXER/DEMULTIPLEXER AND  
OPTICAL WAVEGUIDE CIRCUIT

**REQUEST FOR RECONSIDERATION**

COMMISSIONER FOR PATENTS  
ALEXANDRIA, VIRGINIA 22313

SIR:

In response to the Office Action dated November 7, 2003, the following remarks  
traversing the outstanding grounds for rejection are presented:

**REMARKS/ARGUMENTS**

Favorable consideration of this application, in light of the following discussion, is  
respectfully requested.

Claims 1-45 are presently pending in this application.

In the outstanding Office Action, In the outstanding Office Action the drawings were  
identified as being informal; Claims 1-5, 16-17, and 43-45 were rejected under 35 U.S.C.  
102(b) as being anticipated by Amersfoort et al. (U.S. Patent 5,629,992); and Claims 6-15,  
18-42 were provisionally rejected under the judicially created doctrine of double patenting  
over claims 18-22, and 30-42 of copending Application No. 10/067,943.